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(c) The bed of the channel is rocky for some distance. The channel in that portion is well defined and it is not a serious impediment to the free flow of water.

(d) In an estimate framed in 1921 provision was made for removing 16 units of rock, but the work was not carried out owing to the objection of the Panniyur ryots.

(e) There are three irrigation sources in Kilveeranam, viz., Peria eri, Surakolam and Settithangal. The last-mentioned tank alone is fed by the Kilveeranam channel. Statistics of cultivation and waste under the tank for the five faslis ending with 1336 are given in the margin. The waste was due to want of sufficient supply, owing to inadequate rainfall and non-receipt of floods in the Palar river and the consequent deficiency of supply in the Kaveripauk tank. The channel feeding the Kilveeranam tank is in good condition and requires no improvement. As regards migration it has been ascertained that sixteen families of which fourteen are pattadars have gone elsewhere in quest of livelihood. Two have gone to Penang and six to Kolar, Bangalore and Hyderabad. The other six have been carrying on more lucrative business at Arcot, Valavanur, Tanjore and Madras, for some time past. The season has been continuously adverse for the past five or six years and temporary migration is not uncommon in this district at such times.

| Fasli. | Ayacut. | Cultivation. | Waste. | Second crop. |
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| | ACRES. | ACRES. | ACRES. | ACRES. |
| 1332 | 81·30 | 77·27 | 4·03 | 37·94 |
| 1333 | 81·30 | 54·14 | 27·16 | 9·38 |
| 1334 | 81·30 | 60·52 | 20·78 | 11·41 |
| 1335 | 81·30 | 70·80 | 5·50 | 15·69 |
| 1336 | 90·53 | 79·81 | 10·72 | 10·54 |

(f) The channel is in good condition and does not stand in need of improvement. The Collector is considering the question of preventing the ryots of Panniyur from cutting open the bund.

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar :—" May I know why the estimates referred to in the answer to clause (c) of this question recommended by the local authorities are still pending ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" Because of the objection of the Panniyur ryots."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar :—" Am I to understand that the villagers of any particular village can successfully object to the carrying out of a scheme beneficial to others ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" No. But if the scheme interfered with their rights, they must be compensated."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar :—" May I know if the Government have received any definite proposal from the Collector of the district stating that what the Panniyur ryots are doing is illegal and that the syphon should be put there and water taken away ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" I cannot answer that question, Sir."